

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 710
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Nursing for 100 outstanding years of service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those exemplary institutions who through their abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this state; and

WHEREAS, one hundred years ago, the Memphis City Hospital School of Nursing was established by Lena Angevine Warner; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Warner was the first registered nurse in Tennessee, and served with acumen and dedication as Superintendent of Nurses and Director of the School until 1900; and

WHEREAS, the first class of eight students graduated from Memphis City Hospital School of Nursing in June of 1900; and

WHEREAS, thirteen years later, a three-year curriculum was implemented at the school; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 1926, the Memphis City Hospital Nursing School developed a 50-year agreement with the University of Tennessee to jointly operate the school; and

WHEREAS, from 1923-1926, Miss Winifred Atkinson admirably served as Director of Nursing for the hospital and the school, and played an integral role in the merger between the School of Nursing and the University of Tennessee; and

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WHEREAS, during World War II, the Nursing School helped with the war efforts, and two graduates of the school, Lieutenant Imogene Kennedy and Lieutenant Inez McDonald were held prisoners of war by the Japanese from 1942-1945; and

WHEREAS, under the sagacious leadership of Ruth Neil Murry, the school became autonomous in 1949; she served with acumen and dedication as the school's first dean until 1977; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, the School of Nursing was awarded accreditation and achieved college status the following year; and

WHEREAS, the Master's program in Nursing began admitting students during the summer of 1973; and

WHEREAS, currently, Michael Carter serves with alacrity and acuity as the Dean of the Nursing School, a post he assumed in 1982; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Dean Carter, the UT School of Nursing has placed more of an emphasis on research and practice; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee, Memphis College of Nursing has educated over 4,500 nurses, practicing all over the nation; and

WHEREAS, for 100 years, the University of Tennessee, Memphis School of Nursing has been a model for all other schools to emulate; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the School of Nursing established the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing; the first Ph.D. in Nursing was awarded in 1992 to June Hansen Larabee; and

WHEREAS, it more than fitting that we pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable institution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the University of Tennessee, Memphis School of

Nursing on their 100th Anniversary, and extend to everyone affiliated with the school our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.